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## THE BISHOPS' BILL

ACTED UPON IN LOCAL CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.

Rev. J. M. Nardella of the Church of the Sacred Heart and Rev. G. L. Curtis of First Presbyterian Church spoke on the bill. The resolutions adopted by the congregations—the Principal Points of the Bill.

The following resolutions relative to the temperance measure known as the "bishops' bill" were read in the Church of the Sacred Heart and the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday:

"Whereas, We, the clergymen of all denominations of the commonwealth of New Jersey, laboring throughout its territory for the advancement of civilization and true Christian morality, the bulwark of a nation's stability and progress; and,

"Whereas, Individual efforts for years, in several of our communities, for the enforcement of law, through appealing to magistrates, boards of government and chiefs of police, have proved unavailing—smothered by the machinations of some dishonest politicians; and,

"Whereas, The sanction of the law is apparently paralyzed, and the custodians of justice, who should defend the rights of the common people, are entirely dormant; and,

"Whereas, The proprietors of many places where intoxicating drinks are sold and consumed, by the maintenance of what is commonly known as back rooms, not only offer opportunity to the abandoned and the profligate to gratify their bestial appetites by debauching the innocence of the poor man's home, but actually encourage and solicit the patronage of the vilest men and women, who, with the appetite of the brute and the arts of the demon, recruit from the children of honest laborers by hundreds, aye, by thousands, the wretched victims of promiscuous prostitution; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That in the name of religion and country, in the name of morality and law, in the name of parents whom the seducers may make heart-broken; in the name of families in danger of decimation; in the name of the home sanctuaries, threatened with violation; in the name of nature's dearest, tenderest sympathies; in the name of all that gives the laborer's toil an object; in the name of the poor man's child; we, in convention assembled, on the 33d day of February, 1906, most respectfully and earnestly request the executive and legislative bodies now in session at our State House, in Trenton, to grant us the enactment of a law easily enforced and rich in consequences—namely, the conducting of the liquor traffic as any other business in an open manner, by removing all screens of any kind whatever that could obstruct in any way the view from the street of the places in any part of it, so that we may effectually prevent the progress and have of vice; the multiplication of immoral drinking resorts beyond all reasonable necessity and demand in tenement districts; the moral suicides that we find in institutions and hospital wards; the abandoned in houses of refuge and orphanages; the criminals in our jail cells; and, by doing so, save the young and the innocent from the ravages of a vile habit that is like a sore festering and spreading upon the body politic, ruining the homes of honest labor, and bringing degradation and shame upon the family; and be it further

"Resolved, That we likewise earnestly and respectfully request the executive and legislative bodies of our State to administer, once and for all future time, such a stinging rebuke as was dealt once before to those who, through a minority, arrogantly assume the right to dictate to the majority, and assert unblushingly that on account of their influence, political or otherwise, no measure can be advanced without their place; forgetting that all true liberty recognizes law as paramount, and that if liberty is not to be mistaken for license, it must be safeguarded by our courts and respected by a conscientious people, so that it may shed its benign influence upon the many and effect the life and happiness of the nation.

"In furtherance of this, we therefore earnestly and respectfully petition the executive and legislative bodies now in session in Trenton to enact into laws Senate bills 136 and 137.

"Resolved, That every pastor in the State, on Sunday, March 4, fully explain to his congregation the contents of bills 136 and 137, now before the Senate, at Trenton.

"Resolved, That every pastor request the voters of his parish to communicate with the members of the Legislature, urging them to vote for these bills.

"Resolved, That a copy of the bills be sent to every pastor in the State.

"Resolved, That a standing committee of not less than fifteen, representing every religious denomination in the State, be appointed to keep the subject before the public, should the present

Legislature fail to pass these bills."

The chief features of the "bishops' bill" are as follows:

Bill No. 136 provides: (1) No granting of license except upon the joint application of the owner of the premises and the person seeking the license.

(2) License fee of not less than \$500 where the population exceeds 10,000.

(3) Not to permit any boy or girl under twenty-one years of age to lounge in or frequent saloon premises.

(4) Complaint may be made by one person only.

(5) Notice of the process shall be served upon the owner of the premises; no license shall be granted for one year in the premises when the license has been declared forfeited.

(6) No new place to be located within 200 feet of the curtilage (yard or surrounding court) of church, school or armory.

(7) Back-rooms and side-doors to be prohibited.

(8) Screens and blinds to be prohibited. No. 137 makes it a misdemeanor (1) to sell or give liquor to any boy or girl under twenty-one years of age, and

(2) To permit any boy or girl under twenty-one years of age to lounge about the saloon premises.

The Rev. J. M. Nardella urged a loyal and enthusiastic support of the bill on the part of his parishioners. He read the resolutions above quoted, and spoke on the merits of the bill.

The Rev. Mr. Curtis gave an account to his congregation of the large conference of clergymen of all denominations held in Newark, at which the bill was discussed. He was particularly impressed with the deep earnestness of the Catholic clergy who advocated the bill, especially those from Hoboken and Jersey City, where the vice of intemperance is greater than in any other part of the State. Mr. Curtis urged his hearers to use their personal influence with members of the Legislature in favor of the passage of the bill.

Base-Ball.

As soon as the condition of the ground will permit the High School base-ball squad will begin work. The outlook for a good team is very bright and it is expected there will be more candidates for the team this year than ever before. This fact proves that there is a lot of studying being done, for no one is allowed to play on any team which represents the High School who is not well up in his lessons.

Of last year's team, which distinguished itself by defeating Newark High School 6 to 2, there are five players still in school. They are James Adams, pitcher and third base; captain Fred Tydemann, pitcher and third base; Edward Sammis, centre field; Herbert Stone, manager and first base, and Frank Maxwell, second base. There are three promising candidates for the catcher's position; Franklin Wells, Walter Johnson, and Cecil Cady. Other positions are being sought for by the following: O. Tower, Miliken, B. Avery, A. Mix, T. Marshon, H. Harris, K. Starkweather and H. Gals.

The High School team is not asking for financial support. All they want is for the people to take an interest in the team and attend the home games. A well-known team, Erasmus Hall High School, is scheduled to play here on April 11. This will be a great game and one worth seeing. Another great game will be played Memorial Day with Montclair Military Academy. Great rivalry exists between the two schools and last year it took Bloomfield eleven innings to win by the score of 4 to 2. The schedule follows:

April 4, Montclair H. S. at Montclair; April 7, Newark H. S. at Bloomfield; April 11, Erasmus Hall H. S. at Bloomfield; April 14, Passaic H. S. at Bloomfield; April 18, East Orange H. S. at East Orange; April 21, Morris Academy at Morrisstown; April 25, Montclair H. S. at Bloomfield; April 28, Jamaica H. S. at Bloomfield; May 2, open; May 5, Newark Academy at Newark; May 9, Baitin H. S. at Bloomfield; May 12, Mt. Vernon H. S. at Mt. Vernon; May 16, Orange H. S. at Bloomfield; May 19, Englewood H. S. at Bloomfield; May 25, East Orange H. S. at Bloomfield; May 26, Hackensack H. S. at Bloomfield; May 30, Montclair Military Academy at Montclair; June 2, open; June 8, Newark H. S. at Newark; June 9, Coney Island College Institute at Hackensack; June 13, Paterson H. S. at Bloomfield; June 16, Summit H. S. at Bloomfield.

Favor a Building Ordinance.

An association was organized at the home of Hugh D. King in Baldwin place, Saturday night, for the purpose of advocating a building ordinance, which, it was stated, was much needed in the municipality. At the meeting were over thirty residents of the Fairview section. Mr. King presided. A committee consisting of Dr. Harry E. Richards, Charles L. Setcott, William W. Brock, Alfred E. Van Liew, Hugh D. King, Frederick B. Pich and Frank Hale was named to prepare an ordinance to be submitted to the Town Council regulating the erection of buildings. G. M. Swanson, Hugh D. King and F. Poeser, Jr., were named to go before the Council and urge the passage of the ordinance when it is presented.

## BOARD OF TRADE

Held Its Regular Quarterly Meeting Thursday Night—William Biggart Elected President—Committees on Banquet and Fourth of July Celebration Appointed—Other Matters Discussed at the Meeting.

The Board of Trade held its quarterly meeting Thursday night. Officers of the board were elected as follows: President, William Biggart; Vice-President, Peter J. Quinn; Secretary, John J. Hughes; Treasurer, Charles B. Underwood; members of the Executive Committee—John A. Lawrence and William F. Sutphen.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring President, William F. Sutphen. Much of the time of Thursday evening's meeting was devoted to the discussion of a proposed building ordinance, following a report of the Committee on Building. The report was read by Clarence Van Winkle and Messrs. A. H. Edgerly, H. D. King, Chas. F. Koehner, Chas. A. Vanner and William Biggart took part in the discussion. The matter was referred back to the committee.

Allison Dodd submitted a report on the garbage collection question referred to at a previous meeting. Mr. Dodd's report embodied some suggestions to the Town Council in the way of provisions for an ordinance governing garbage collection. The report was adopted.

Mr. Davis, of the Membership Committee, presented the names of several new members.

Mr. Biggart, of the Suburban Homes Committee, reported effective results from the advertising of Bloomfield. Many letters of inquiry were received. Mr. Biggart said, and were filed in the office of the Bloomfield Coal and Supply Company's office, where they were open to public inspection. Mr. Biggart urged that real estate dealers make use of the letters.

John N. Delhagen presented the report of the Legislative Committee.

William A. Baldwin brought to the attention of the board a bill now before the Legislature which, if enacted, will deprive the people of this town of the right of electing the members of the Board of Education and place the appointment of members of the board in the hands of the mayor of the town. Mr. Baldwin suggested that a committee be appointed to represent the Board of Trade in opposition to the bill unless it was amended to exclude this town from its operation. The suggestion was adopted and the President authorized to appoint a committee.

President Biggart was authorized to appoint a committee to arrange for the annual banquet of the Board of Trade and also a committee for the annual Fourth of July celebration.

## The Outlet Sewer.

The Legislative Committee of the Orange Common Council was instructed Monday night to appear before the proper committee of the Legislature and take such action as may be necessary to the end that the cost of construction and maintenance of any outlet sewer shall be borne by each municipality in proportion to the actual benefits received.

Alfred Perry said he thought the committee ought to confer with other municipal committees, as the Passaic sewer bill now before the Legislature had some peculiar features. Frederick W. Kelsey said that he was not familiar with the pending measure, but that three years ago he had served on a committee which took some note of the proposition. The bill which then passed the Legislature, he said, was so unjust to Orange that it would have been necessary for the city to contest the law had not Peterson taken the case into the courts, when the law was declared unconstitutional. Mr. Kelsey pointed out that the proposition to assess Orange as much as Passaic was unjust, inasmuch as Orange is on the extreme border of the zone and should pay less. He thought it would be well for Orange to say now that, while it did not oppose any system of purification, it would not stand for any such plan of assessment as was proposed in the original law.

## Literary Entertainment.

The German literature department of the Woman's Club of Glen Ridge has been most fortunate in securing Mrs. Marion Craig Wentworth of Boston, the celebrated dramatic reader, who will give in the parlors of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church next Tuesday evening, March 13th, the English translation of Gerhart Hauptmann's "Die Verurteilten" (The Verdict). Not only the club members will have this rare opportunity of having this great masterpiece of modern German literature, but also desiring to do so may have the pleasure for the nominal sum of twenty-five cents, and while enjoying the evening add materially to the financial condition of the library.

## WOMEN T. I. A.

Organized at a Meeting Held Thursday Afternoon—Permanent Officers Elected—Some of the Things that the Women Propose to Do.

On Thursday afternoon a meeting of ladies was held for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of forming a town improvement society.

On account of some misunderstanding and the shortness of the time allowed the meeting was not as generally advertised as had been intended, but the ladies who were present were unanimously of the opinion that the time to form such a society had come. They were equally unanimous in voting that the following ladies should be asked to serve as a provisional board for the purpose of formulating measures for placing the organization upon a permanent footing: President, Mrs. W. A. Collins; Vice-Presidents, Miss Josephine Davis, Mrs. Peter Quinn, Mrs. Frank B. Stone, Mrs. John Van Liew, Mrs. Weber; Secretary, Mrs. Chas. W. Martin; Treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Dalrymple.

Some of the suggestions offered were as follows: That the Town Council might be petitioned to place in conspicuous positions receptacles for newspaper wrappers, letters, etc., which the careless pedestrian now tears up and scatters along the streets. Also that the Board of Health might be asked to secure the enforcement of the town ordinance requiring scavengers to keep their wagons covered when driving through the streets instead of allowing them to go as at present with covers open or lacking, and leaving behind them a trail of dirty papers, ash dust and microbes.

But perhaps the suggestion that elicited the most enthusiasm was that petitioning out the great advantage which would result should the School Board inaugurate some scheme for rousing the interest of the school children in making and keeping Bloomfield pretty and clean, if only by refraining from doing what would make it otherwise.

## The Civic Union.

The executive committee of the Civic Union met on Monday night and informally discussed the "bishops' bill," which provides that the owner of the property where liquor is sold, as well as the applicant for a license, must apply for the same; also that no liquor shall be sold to a boy or girl under the age of 21 years. The expression of opinion was decidedly in favor of the bill.

Considerable comment was indulged in by the members of the committee over the alleged failure of the town authorities to enforce the present excise laws, particularly on Sunday. Some of the committee declared that the officials made no attempt whatever to enforce the laws, and said that something should be done in the matter. The alleged laxity of the authorities was commented upon.

## Died From Injury.

George E. Nye, of 183 Mt. Prospect avenue, a carpenter who fell from a new building on Williamson avenue five weeks ago, died Sunday night at his home in Newark from the effects of the injuries. He was working on the scaffold when it collapsed, precipitating him thirty-five feet to the ground. Both feet were broken in the fall, a compound fracture of the left arm was sustained and he received a severe cut on the head. From this latter wound paralysis of the brain ensued and caused his death.

Mr. Nye, who was fifty-nine years old, was born in Manchester, N. H., and came to Newark fifteen years ago. He was past chancellor of Apex Lodge, K. of P. of Rossville, and was a member of the grand lodge of that organization and of the local Carpenters' Union. On the day of the accident his daughter, Ruth V. Nye, graduated from the Normal School. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Julia Nye, five daughters and one son.

## Fire-Alarm Transmitter.

A fire-alarm transmitter has been placed in the police station, and by means of it the police can give an alarm from any box in the fire-alarm system. The chief reason for the purchase of this instrument was that upon telephone call to the police an alarm can be given for a fire in the Brookdale district. Chief Nicoll will no doubt devise a series of numbers for the Brookdale district that will enable the firemen to determine the locality of a fire there.

## Jamestown, Virginia.

Nothing is left of Jamestown but the ruins of a small fort which formerly surrounded the entrance to the first Episcopal Church built in America. At one time Jamestown was a finely stockaded village capable of sustaining the shock of a savage attack. These stockades are but memories, but they once were important facts. At Jamestown was held the first legislative Assembly ever selected by popular suffrage in any colony. This was the forerunner to our State Legislatures and national Congress.

## Ready for Business.

The track elevation question is now before the East Orange Council in definite shape. The Lackawanna Railroad Company has submitted its plans. Representatives of the railroad company and the Railroad Committee of the City Council held a conference Wednesday night. Much to the disappointment of the Councilmen they learned that the railroad people would only consider elevation of the tracks, claiming that depression was not feasible. Another fact brought out was the announcement that the company contemplated abolishing the Brick Church and East Orange stations and erecting a new station near Walnut street. This proposed change will probably be resisted by the business men.

The railroad company was represented by President Truesdale, Chief Engineer C. Lincoln Bush and several other officials. Councilman Lee, chairman of the Railroad Committee, made many attempts to have alterations made in the plans, but President Truesdale claimed that elevation was the only method by which grade crossings could be eliminated in East Orange.

Thoroughly drawn plans were presented, showing how all the crossings in the city would be eliminated. One of the first objections by the members of the committee was the plan to have viaducts over Greenwood avenue and Fifteenth street. The other streets will be crossed by steel bridges, and with two exceptions all the spans will be unbroken from property line to property line. Supporting columns will be necessary at the Main street crossing as well as in Halsted street.

A proposition was submitted by the railroad officials to the effect that East Orange pay one-tenth of the cost of elevation. The committee would not even consider this plan, and the officials agreed to ascertain the total cost of the improvements and then ask for a definite sum. According to estimates the work in East Orange will cost approximately \$800,000, and the company will probably ask the Council to appropriate \$80,000. Public sentiment is opposed to such an appropriation.

When the objections to the proposed consolidation of the two stations developed, the railroad engineer claimed that the present locations were not suitable for elevated stations, which require waiting rooms for both tracks. Space was limited at the junction and at Brick Church, thus making a new site imperative should the tracks be elevated. After the conference, Chairman Lee announced that the whole matter would be submitted to the residents of the city, and that the action of the Council would depend on public sentiment.

## Appointment of Teachers.

The Board of Education on Monday night decided to ask the Board of Estimate for \$33,000 for the purpose of adding four-room wings to the Fairview and Watseessing schools. These teachers were appointed for the school year, beginning in September:

P. J. Smith, Anna S. Carson, Nellie E. Foster, Anna P. Thomas, Ella L. Draper, Mary M. Draper, Elizabeth H. Wyman, Maud C. Gay, Martha H. Hasbrouck, Frank L. Losee, J. E. Magee, Minnie Martin, Anna S. Agnew, Gretchen L. Libby, Mildred H. Randall, Annie D. Sheaves, Elizabeth T. Schneider, Harriet C. Low, Sara S. Boice, L. Arville Martin, Eugenia E. Watson, Mabel Freeman, Ethelene K. Wood, Neola M. Conrad, Sara A. Huston, Edith E. Jones, Mary L. Ellinwood, Jessie L. Myers, Virginia R. Hubener, Tilly J. Deicks, Ora E. Wilson, Edith C. Wadleigh, Annette Whitney, Helen D. Bowes, Sara E. Montfort, M. Alice Gulick, P. J. Kennedy, Ida E. Robinson, Ethel Smith, Ruth Thomas, Lillian M. Galloway, H. Leona Schatzkowski, Beatrice M. Wood, Eva L. Bleshop, Ella Ferguson, Thomas Agnew, Miriam G. Thomas, Margaret Geppner, Ella Baird, Suzanne G. Osborn, M. Estelle Dodd and Blanche H. Crane.

Others will be appointed at the April meeting.

## Firemen Refuse Compensation.

The request of the Montclair firemen for an annual payment of \$75 to the volunteers of the fire department was considered by the Town Council, but was stricken from the calendar. Councilman Alworth said a delegation of firemen appeared before the fire committee and declared they did not want the present allowance of \$12 continued. As volunteers they felt that the \$12 was in lieu of pay for their services, and they did not feel inclined to accept it under these circumstances. They preferred to remain a volunteer department as they enjoyed the fire house as a sort of club, and preferred that it remain so. Councilman Gordon said that feeling on the part of the firemen was evidently because of a misunderstanding as to the reason the \$12 was given. They considered it as pay, whereas the intention of the fire committee was that the \$12 should take the place of the tax exemption formerly allowed, but no longer continued. No action as to the \$12 was taken.

## FAIRVIEW AROUSED

IN OPPOSITION TO THE WATSEESSING AVENUE EXTENSION ORDINANCE.

Because It Opens Up Property to be Sold Without Restrictions—Thought to be Detrimental to the Interests of Fairview—An Appeal to the Town Council for Protection.

That the petition to the Town Council asking for the adoption of an ordinance for the extension of Watseessing avenue to Newark avenue has aroused the citizens of Fairview was evidenced by the large attendance of residents of that locality, at the Council meeting Monday night.

Mr. Ralsbeck read to the Council resolutions adopted by the citizens of Fairview in opposition to the passing of an ordinance granting the petition for the extension of Watseessing avenue. He also read off a long list of signatures to the petition. Mr. Ralsbeck was followed by Oscar Hale of Fairview, who made an eloquent oration in opposition to the measure.

On motion of Mr. Farrand the Council deferred action on the petition.

William Douglas Moore, representing the executors of the Butterfield estate, requested the Council to make a quit claim deed conveying whatever rights the town might have in certain streets mapped out on the estate property, but were deeded to the town. The fact that the streets in question had been recognized on the town assessment maps was the reason that the request was made for a relinquishment of alleged interest, in order that a transfer of the property might be effected.

In reply to a query by Councilman Green Mr. Moore said the contemplated purchaser of the property was a large manufacturing concern, which would expend a half million dollars or more in buildings and machinery, and would give employment to several hundred hands.

The Council adopted a resolution granting Mr. Moore's request.

Mr. Hauser of Bloomfield avenue addressed the Council on the subject of flagstone sidewalks. He urged that the present patchwork system of flagstone sidewalks be made a continuous system by having stone walks put down in gaps between the existing patches of stone walks. He said that the present system was a source of discomfort and inconvenience, and a lack of a continuous stone walk.

Councilman Chabot, who secured the continuous Orange street sidewalk, announced that he had a petition in his pocket for a continuous stone walk along the easterly side of Bloomfield avenue from the Watchung Railroad to the Centre.

Clerk William L. Johnson read to the Council the resolutions adopted in the First Presbyterian Church on the occasion of Captain Richmond P. Hobson's lecture.

Mayor Fisher appointed J. M. Mann, Howard B. Davis and David G. Garbrant a committee of three to sign the resolutions and transmit a copy to President Roosevelt, Senator Dryden and Congressman Parker.

Councilman Eberburn of the Road Committee submitted deeds to the town of Stockton Street and Porter place, two new streets laid out on the Mulligan property.

Councilman Davis of the Sidewalk Committee was authorized to have repairs made to the Belleville avenue sidewalk near Broad street.

A communication from the city of Orange was read by the clerk, in which the sewer officials of Orange reported to this town a proposition from the Board of Freeholders for connecting the Isolation Hospital with the union outlet sewer.

On motion of Mr. Farrand the Council gave its consent to the proposition.

The clerk read a letter of thanks from Mary H. Perry relative to the resolution of condolence passed by the Council on the occasion of the death of former Township Committeeman T. E. Hayes.

Firemen's exemption certificates were granted to Theron W. Ackerman and Peter Weissmann of Excelsior Hose Company. Charles Batzle resigned active membership in Phoenix Hose Company.

The report of Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne for the month of February was read.

Councilman Green of the Street Lighting Committee reported that the new contract with the Electric Lighting Company was ready for the official signatures. Chief of Police Collins reported ten arrests and \$40 collected in fines during the month of February.

On motion of Councilman Green Albert E. Drew and Charles Shorter were appointed special policemen.

The bond to the amount of \$500 of William Forbush, proprietor of delinquent personal property and poll tax, was approved by the Council.

PROTECT your securities and valuable papers against FIRE and BURGLARS by putting a box in the Safe Deposit Vault of The Bloomfield National Bank. Boxes to rent at \$4.00 per year and upwards—Adm.